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TAGS: SENV, XA, XG

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INCIDENT OF EMPTY TETRAETHYL LEAD  
(TEL) DRUMS LOST OVERBOARD

REF: A. STATE 005543

LONDON PASS TO IMCO

1. ON 27 MAR 73 133 EMPTY TETRAETHYL LEAD DRUMS LOST  
OVERBOARD FROM PHILIPPINE FREIGHTER PRESIDENT MAGSAYSAY  
AT LAT. 36 DEG. N, LONG. 70 DEG. 35 W. DESCRIPTION OF  
DRUMS AS FOLLOWS:

A. 55 GALLON 12 GAUGE STEEL PAINTED GREY WITH  
ROLLING HOOPS BEARING A YELLOW WARNING LABEL.

B. MARKINGS: TSUS 800.00. COMPANY NAME DUPONT AND  
LETTERS TEL EMBOSSED AT ONE END.

2. ALL SHIPS AT SEA AND FISHING FLEETS HAVE BEEN ADVISED  
VIA A MARINE BROADCAST OF THE INCIDENT AND THAT THE DRUMS  
ARE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS TO PERSONNEL AND CONTAIN GASOLINE  
VAPORS WHICH MAY BE EXPLOSIVE IF IGNITION SOURCE IS  
PROVIDED. IF SIGHTED AT SEA DRUMS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN  
ABOARD BUT SUNK BY GUNSHOT. IF DRUMS CLOSE TO SHORE WHERE  
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THEY COULD WASH ASHORE THEY SHOULD  
BE RETRIEVED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. IF FOUND ON BEACH, DO NOT OPEN OR ATTEMPT TO SALVAGE  
BUT CONTACT DUPONT, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE BY TELEPHONE OR  
TELEGRAM ( OUTSIDE U. S. A. CABLE QUOTE DUPONTEL UNQUOTE).  
CALL OR WIRE COLLECT.

4. TEL COMPOUNDS ARE POISONOUS. KEEP AWAY FROM FEED OR  
FOOD PRODUCTS. DO NOT BREATHE THE VAPORS, GET ON SKIN,  
EYES, CLOTHING OR SWALLOW. TEL COMPOUNDS ARE RAPIDLY  
ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN. IN CASE OF CONTACT IMMEDIATELY  
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WASH SKIN WITH KEROSENE. THEN WITH SOAP AND WATER. FOR  
EYES FLUSH WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.  
REMOVE CONTAMINATED CLOTHES AND DESTROY.

5. COMPUTERIZED SOLUTIONS FOR TEL DRUMS INDICATE A  
PREDICTED DATUS FOR 1200 Z 10 MAY 73 TO BE 36-32.9 N  
56-36.8 W POSITION ERROR 120 MILES. EXPECTED FUTURE

MOVEMENT NE TO EAST, 10 TO 15 MILES PER DAY. RUSH

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